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This letter is devoted entirely to the 1980 budget. I want to share with you some of the facts and figures that make up the SEA portion of the President's Budget, which is being presented to the Congress today.

Much of our budget news is not good. Nearly \$67 million of SEA programs are being recommended for reduction or termination. However, proposed funding for new or expanded programs totals about \$53 million. Of greatest concern to me is the loss of 495 in our permanent full-time positions--from 8,555 in 1979 to 8,060 in 1980. I plan to expend every effort to see that SEA's personnel ceilings are met with as little disruption as possible in the lives of as few people as possible. There are many management actions that can help, such as redirections, retraining, reassignments.

Two other points I wish to emphasize are these: (1) Program will receive priority in terms of funds and positions in whatever adjustments are needed, and (2) the budget must now make its way through the legislative process, so it will be several months at least before we know for certain what the final 1980 budget will be. The figures given to you in the following tables are taken from the Explanatory Notes (165 pages are devoted to SEA) that are being sent by the Secretary today to the Congressional Appropriations Subcommittee in support of the President's Budget:

SUMMARY OF INCREASES AND DECREASES, SEA

Item of Change	1979 <u>Estimated</u>	<u>Change</u>	1980 <u>Estimated</u>
Agricultural Research	\$384,012,000	\$ -3,420,000	\$344,872,000
construction;non-recurring)		-35,720,000	
Cooperative Research	159,395,000	-11,078,000	148,317,000
Extension	263,899,000	-5,922,000	257,977,000
Tech. Info. Systems	7,727,000	+108,000	7,835,000
Competitive Grants	15,000,000	+15,000,000	30,000,000
Higher Education	11,500,000	-10,250,000	1,250,000
Scientific activities overseas			
Special Foreign Currency	<u>5,750,000</u>	<u>+1,750,000</u>	<u>7,500,000</u>
TOTAL AVAILABLE	\$847,283,000	\$-49,532,000	\$797,751,000

NEW OR EXPANDED PROGRAMS, FY 1980, SEA
(in thousands of dollars)
In-House & Extramural

Areas of Emphasis	AR	CR	Ext.	Comp. Grants	Higher Ed.	Total
1. Energy	\$4,750	\$2,400	\$ 300			\$7,450
2. Basic Animal Res.	5,000	--	--	--	--	5,000
3. IPM	2,500	3,000	1,000	--	--	6,500
4. Non-point Source Pollution	2,000	2,800	1,300	--	--	6,100
5. Food Safe- ty (Nitrite)	1,000	--	--	--	--	1,000
6. Human Health & Safety (Basic Res.)	2,400	--	--	--	--	2,400
7. Comp. Educa- tion Grants	--	--	--	--	1,250	1,250
8. Aerospace Technology	2,200	--	--	--	--	2,200
9. Human Nutri- tion	1,750	--	--	--	--	1,750
10. Human Nutri- tion Centers	2,000	--	--	--	--	2,000
11. Plant Germ- plasm	500	--	--	--	--	500
12. Comp. Res. Grants (Plant Sciences)	--	--	--	11,000	--	11,000
13. Comp. Res. Grants (Human Nutrition)	--	--	--	4,000	--	4,000
Total	24,100	8,200	2,600	15,000	1,250	51,150

TIS (\$108); Special Foreign Currency (\$1,750); and other (\$79)

	<u>+1,937</u>
Total increases	53,087

REDUCED OR TERMINATED PROGRAMS, FY 1980, SEA
(in thousands of dollars)

Program Area	AR	CR	Ext	Higher Ed	Total
Crops Prod. & Prot	-9,956	-4,263	--	--	-14,219
Animal Prod. & Prot	-4,142	-10,000	--	--	-14,142
Processing, Storage, Dist., Mkt.	-11,158	-500	--	--	-11,658
Natural Resources	-1,468	-2,800	--	--	-4,268
Human Health & Safety	-153	--	-1,020	--	-1,173
Rural Development	-389	-1,800	-3,500	--	-5,689
Urban Gardening	--	--	-3,000	--	-3,000
Human Nutrition	--	--	-1,250	--	-1,250
Education Assistance	--	--	--	-11,500	-11,500
Total	<u>-27,266</u>	<u>-19,363</u>	<u>-8,770</u>	<u>-11,500</u>	<u>-66,899</u>

AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH-SUMMARY OF INCREASES AND DECREASES

<u>Item of Change</u>	<u>1979 Estimated</u>	<u>Program Changes</u>	<u>1980 Estimated</u>
Basic research in animal production efficiency	\$ 20,592,000	+\$5,000,000	\$ 25,592,000
Improved energy efficiency in crop and animal production	1,139,000	+4,750,000	5,889,000
Improved integrated pest management systems	3,100,000	+2,500,000	5,600,000
Use of aerospace technology in crop forecasting and other areas	651,000	+2,200,000	2,851,000
Control of non-point source pollution on agricultural lands	6,260,000	+2,000,000	8,260,000
Insuring the safety and health of food supplies	15,653,000	+3,400,000	19,053,000
Human Nutrition research	22,008,000	+3,750,000	25,758,000
Germplasm repository	500,000	+500,000	1,000,000
Equipping regional Veterinary School at Virginia Polytechnic Institute	1,250,000	-1,250,000	(non-recurring)
Dairy Forage Clusters	900,000	-900,000	(non-recurring)
Contagious Equine Metritis	500,000	-500,000	--
Other animal disease and production research projects	42,308,000	-1,890,000	40,418,000
Staffing at Kearneysville, West Virginia	1,371,000	-1,100,000	271,000
Tobacco production research	1,048,000	-1,048,000	--
Cotton production research	5,030,000	-869,000	4,161,000
Other plant disease and production research	120,125,000	-6,545,000	113,580,000
Research on rural housing	389,000	-389,000	--
Conservation research	14,643,000	-1,468,000	13,175,000
Wool and mohair research	1,748,000	-1,224,000	524,000
Processing alcohol fuels	500,000	-500,000	--
Other post-harvest technology research	54,330,000	-9,587,000	44,743,000
All other	34,247,000	-250,000	33,997,000
 Total available	 <u>\$348,292,000</u>	 <u>\$-3,420,000</u>	 <u>\$344,872,000</u>

Detailed information on the actions that may be necessary as a result of the above budgetary adjustments will be made available through the AR regional offices to all employees and cooperators who may be affected.

COOPERATIVE RESEARCH-SUMMARY OF INCREASES AND DECREASES

<u>Item of Change</u>	<u>1979 Estimated</u>	<u>Program Changes</u>	<u>1980 Estimated</u>
Payments under the Hatch Act	\$109,066,000	--	\$109,066,000
Cooperative forestry research	9,500,000	--	9,500,000
Payments to 1890 colleges and Tuskegee Institute	16,360,000	--	16,360,000
Special research grants	16,273,000	\$-4,663,000	11,610,000
Competitive research grants	15,000,000	+15,000,000	30,000,000
Rural development research	1,500,000	-1,500,000	--
Animal health and disease research	5,000,000	-5,000,000	--
Federal administration (direct appropriation)	1,696,000	+85,000	1,781,000
 Total available	<u>\$174,395,000</u>	<u>\$+3,922,000</u>	<u>\$178,317,000</u>

EXTENSION/HIGHER EDUCATION--SUMMARY OF INCREASES AND DECREASES

<u>Item of change</u>	<u>1979 Estimated</u>	<u>Program Changes</u>	<u>1980 Estimated</u>
<u>Extension</u>			
Smith-Lever:			
For Rural Development	\$1,000,000	\$-1,000,000	\$ --
For Pest Management	5,435,000	+1,000,000	6,435,000
For Farm Safety	1,020,000	-1,020,000	--
For Urban Gardening	3,000,000	-3,000,000	--
For Non-Point Source Pollution	--	+1,300,000	1,300,000
For Energy Demonstra- tion	--	+300,000	300,000
Title V Rural Develop- ment	2,500,000	-2,500,000	--
Food & Nutrition Education (EFNEP)	51,810,000	-1,250,000	50,560,000
Federal Admin. & Coordination	6,543,000	+248,000	6,791,000
All other	<u>192,591,000</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>192,591,000</u>
Total, Extension	\$263,899,000	\$-5,922,000	\$257,977,000
 <u>Higher Education</u>			
Minority Agriculture Education Grants	--	+1,250,000	1,250,000
Bankhead-Jones	<u>11,500,000</u>	<u>-11,500,000</u>	<u>--</u>
Total, Higher Ed	11,500,000	-10,250,000	1,250,000
 Total available	\$275,399,000	\$-16,172,000	\$259,227,000

TECHNICAL INFORMATION SYSTEM-SUMMARY OF INCREASES AND DECREASES

<u>Item of change</u>	<u>1979 Estimated</u>	<u>Program Changes</u>	<u>1980 Estimated</u>
Regional Document Delivery	\$ 135,000	\$ +35,000	\$ 170,000
Direct Document Delivery	25,000	+24,000	49,000
Automated Record Control System	--	+45,000	45,000
All other	7,567,000	+4,000	7,571,000
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Total available	\$7,727,000	\$+108,000	\$7,835,000

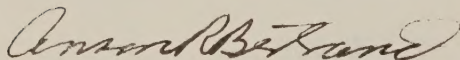
I know that much of the information I have included in this letter will be disturbing to a great many employees and cooperators. However, I know of no other way to deal with such news than to get it to you as accurately and as quickly as I can. I have asked that special efforts be made to see that the distribution of this letter is handled promptly.

Beginning today, and in the next days and weeks, representatives of the various units will be in touch with those of you who might be directly affected to provide updated information and counsel.

Unfortunately, I do not yet have details on the increases that have been provided for in the budget. These will be shared with you as soon as they are developed.

Finally, I should like to ask you to keep in mind that there are few government agencies that are not being asked to cut, and cut deeply, to support the President's fight against inflation. This Agency will do its part; we will remain intact; and we will continue to serve the American people.

Sincerely,



ANSON R. BERTRAND
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